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Reds Are Still In Dominican

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WASHINGTON — The State Department's hand is directly behind those press and other reports that Communists no longer are a factor in the leadership and activities of the Dominican rebels.

Playing a key role in this backstage "news management" is McGeorge Bundy, powerful foreign affairs assistant to President Johnson and one of the special negotiators sent to Santo Domingo to end the fighting and set up a compromise government.

Bundy in the strife-racked Caribbean capital and the State Department in Washington, in off-the-record "briefings", have been putting out the word that the Reds no longer are of consequence in rebel ranks and operations.

Real fact is they are still in crucial posts and still exerting decisive influence. Foremost among them are:

"Jaime Duran", a Dominican trained in Cuba; "Juan Ducoudray", known Castro agent active in smuggling weapons into the Dominican Republic; "Buenaventura Johnson" and "Fidelio Despradel", leaders of the pro-Moscow Communist party which functions under the designation "Dominican Popular Socialist Party" (DPSP).

They were among the 58 Communists pinpointed in the list made public by the White House.

While some of these Reds have gone underground, there is no definite evidence they have quit the Dominican Republic — as alleged by inspired press accounts. Quite the contrary.

Intelligence has positive information that these Communists have fanned out through the country and, functioning under centralized control, are busily setting up arms caches and organizing to continue extensive terroristic and agitational operations—financed and supplied by Castro.

Admiral William Raborn, new head of the Central Intelligence Agency, is credited as being chiefly responsible for making known the identities and backgrounds of the 58 Communist leaders in the rebel forces.

According to White House insiders, the retired naval officer took this evidence direct to the President. Greatly impressed, the chief executive personally ordered its publication. It is asserted this was done without consulting State Department authorities.

Congressional leaders are strongly backing Raborn.

Speaker John McCormack, D-Mass., told one group of law-

makers, "Admiral Raborn is doing a tremendous job of keeping the President thoroughly informed of the Dominican situation. I wish that could be said of certain other advisers."

The legislators have been told that in Bundy's negotiations with Colonel Camaano Deno, rebel chief, no demand was made that he rid himself of Communist elements. On the other hand, it is asserted, in the discussions with General Imbert, junta leader, there was strong insistence that General Wessin, backstage military "strong-man," be exiled.

Some members of Congress are privately discussing summoning Bundy, Undersecretary of State Thomas Mann and other officials directly involved in coping with the Dominican crisis for questioning.

Gus Hall, executive director of the U.S. Communist Party, is saying the Kremlin rulers made serious mistakes in Cuba.

The U.S. Red boss expressed this view in an eleven-page letter to the Soviet chiefs. Hall revealed that in a talk in Chelsea, Mass. An account of his comments is in a report to the Subversive Activities Control Board by Frederick Smithson, hearing examiner in a case involving a New England Communist.

Following are the significant remarks credited to Hall:

"He said that Russia had created a good image of the party by pulling out of Cuba, but one of the mistakes that have been made was allowing Castro to become identified with the Communist Party, as this meant that Castro could not communicate with other leaders, who might like to communicate with him, and that the Communist Party of the U.S. had written an eleven-page letter to the Soviet Union saying his was one of the mistakes they had made in Cuba.

"Continuing, Hall said he did not think many people in the U.S. knew how close to war we have been as the entire U.S. had been ringed with Soviet nuclear subs."

Also attributed to Hall is priority interest in youth. Examiner Smithson's report credits Hall as follows:

"He said youth is the most important area that the party has to work in today; that he sometimes turns down jobs to speak, but if he has the opportunity to talk before a youth group, he never turns it down as youth is of primary importance for party activity."

Smithson characterized the gathering addressed by Hall as "an enlarged district committee meeting of the New England Communist Party."